

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 659 without my signature.

The continuity of services in child care settings is a laudable goal. However, this bill would create a negative incentive for the county to rely on the availability of state and federally funded programs to alleviate their local program needs, rather than maximizing their local funds to create a comprehensive child care delivery system.

The bill would also create significant Proposition 98 General Fund cost pressure to expand state child care programs at a time of fiscal challenge.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger